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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
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UNITED STATES FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, a Delaware corporation;  
ENDURANCE AMERICAN INSURANCE  
COMPANY, a Delaware corporation;  
NAVIGATORS INSURANCE COMPANY, a  
New York corporation; and AGRICO SALES,  
INC., a Texas corporation,

Plaintiff,

v.

OXBO, INC. d/b/a OXBO MEGA  
TRANSPORT SOLUTIONS, an Oregon  
corporation; and OXBO ENGINEERING,  
LLC, an Oregon limited liability company,

Defendants.

v.

ALEXANDER GOW, INC., an Oregon  
corporation and a Washington corporation,  
CSL GLOBAL LIMITED, a Texas  
corporation, and a Louisiana corporation,  
WESTERN TOWBOAT COMPANY, a  
Washington corporation,

Third Party Defendants.

NO. 3:22-cv-05228-TMC

STIPULATION AND ORDER REGARDING  
DISMISSAL OF THIRD-PARTY  
DEFENDANT WESTERN TOWBOAT  
COMPANY

[NOTE ON MOTION CALENDAR:  
September 27, 2023]

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PARTY DEFENDANT WESTERN TOWBOAT COMPANY - 1  
(Case No. 3:22-cv-05228)

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**STIPULATION**

The parties, by and through their undersigned counsel of record, hereby stipulate, consent and agree as follows:

1. WESTERN TOWBOAT COMPANY ("WTC") shall be dismissed from the case voluntarily and with prejudice and without cost to any other party pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(2).

2. At trial, the finder of fact will be asked to determine, among other things, whether WTC breached a duty and, if so, whether that breach contributed to plaintiffs' damages. If fault is assigned to WTC, plaintiffs will not collect damages from the remaining defendants and third party defendants to the extent those damages are determined by the fact finder to be due to the fault of WTC. For example, if defendants and third party defendants are determined to be liable for all of plaintiffs' damages, and 20% of the fault is attributed to WTC, then Plaintiffs will only be able to collect 80% from the Defendants. None of the fault allocated to WTC will be collectible from the other defendants and third party defendants, and Plaintiffs will not seek to collect from WTC the damages, if any, that are attributable to WTCs fault.

3. Western Towboat Company shall make its employees available for deposition under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure as if Western Towboat were a party to this action.

4. This dismissal shall not be considered to be a settlement amongst the plaintiffs, defendants and third-party defendants. Principles of joint and several liability as to these remaining parties in the lawsuit shall remain unaffected by this stipulation.

**STIPULATED AND AGREED TO** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

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**ORDER**

Having considered the parties' stipulation, the Court hereby orders that:

1. WESTERN TOWBOAT COMPANY ("WTC") shall be dismissed from the case voluntarily and with prejudice and without cost to any other party pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(2).

2. At trial, the finder of fact will be asked to determine, among other things, whether WTC breached a duty and, if so, whether that breach contributed to plaintiffs' damages. If fault is assigned to WTC, plaintiffs will not collect damages from the remaining defendants and third party defendants to the extent those damages are determined by the fact finder to be due to the fault of WTC. For example, if defendants and third party defendants are determined to be liable for all of plaintiffs' damages, and 20% of the fault is attributed to WTC, then Plaintiffs will only be able to collect 80% from the Defendants. None of the fault allocated to WTC will be collectible from the other defendants and third party defendants, and Plaintiffs will not seek to collect from WTC the damages, if any, that are attributable to WTC's fault.

3. WTC shall make its employees available for deposition under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure as if Western Towboat were a party to this action.

4. This dismissal shall not be considered to be a settlement amongst the plaintiffs, defendants and third-party defendants. Principles of joint and several liability as to these remaining parties in the lawsuit shall remain unaffected by this stipulation.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated this 28th day of September 2023.

  
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Tiffany M. Cartwright  
United States District Court Judge

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